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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2008, and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on January 18, 2008. The Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. The Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.